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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Walter B. Hill, et al.

Application No.: 09/996,516

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: PAPERMAKING PROCESS USING ENZYME-TREATED SLUDGE, AND PRODUCTS

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Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 8, 2002

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**IN THE APPLICATION COVERSHEET:**

Please substitute the following amended coversheet in the above-identified application.

(A version of the amended coversheet with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

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